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1. SUMMARY: FINAL MEETING OF PREPCOM IV HEARD STATE-
MENTS BY NUMBER OF DELS (INCLUDING US) ON STATE OF
PROGRESS ON FINAL DOCUMENTS (PARAS 2-9). IN ADDITION,
CHAIRMAN FORMALIZED SEVERAL DECISIONS REGARDING PREPCOM
V. (PARAS 10-12) COMPOSITE TEXT OF DOCUMENTS ON
DECLARATION, PROGRAM OF ACTION, AND MACHINERY WERE CIR-
CULATED AS CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER. END SUMMARY

2. IN FINAL MEETING, SEVERAL DELS (INCLUDING FRANCE,
FINLAND, GDR, US, INDIA, MEXICO) MADE STATEMENTS
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ASSESSING RESULTS OF FOURTH SSOD PREPCOM. FRANCE
CIRCULATED PAPER (A/AC.187/105) ON ITS PROPOSALS RE-
GARDING MACHINERY. FINLAND AND GDR EXPRESSED OPINION
THAT WORK OF PREPCOM WAS PRODUCTIVE, BUT STATES NEED
TO COME TO PREPCOM V READY TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH
ON TEXTS OF FINAL DOCUMENTS -- A THEME PICKED UP BY
SEVERAL SPEAKERS IN LATER STATEMENTS.

3. USREP (WEILER) MADE STATEMENT EMPHASIZING NEED
FOR GREATER EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE REASONABLE AND REALISTIC

COMPROMISE TO CURRENT DRAFTS OF FINAL DOCUMENTS. HE POINTED TO NEED FOR ALL STATES TO CONSIDER IN CAPITALS HOW TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON DOCUMENT WHICH NOW FILLED WITH BRACKETED LANGUAGE.

HE SAID USDEL HAD MADE DECISION NOT TO SUBMIT TEXTS ON DOCUMENTS HOPING THAT THIS WOULD ENABLE USDEL TO CONTRIBUTE IN MORE FLEXIBLE WAY TO PROGRESS OF THE WORK SINCE IT WAS CLEAR PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATION WOULD HAVE TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUBMISSION OF INDIVIDUAL TEXTS. HE COMMENTED THAT THIS DECISION HAD NOT PRODUCED AS MUCH OF A SPIRIT OF ACCOMMODATION AS USDEL HAD HOPED. NEVERTHELESS, HE ADDED, WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THAT IT WAS PROBABLY TOO EARLY AFTER SUBMISSION OF TEXTS TO HAVE EXPECTED A MUCH MORE RAPID PROGRESS ON CONSOLIDATION.

4. USREP ADDED THAT IN FUTURE DRAFTING WE SHOULD TRY TO DESCRIBE MATTERS AS THEY REALLY ARE, NOTING FOR EXAMPLE THE LISTING AS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE NEGOTIATIONS A LIST OF PROPOSITIONS THAT ARE SO HEAVILY BRACKETED IN THEIR REFLECTION OF DISAGREEMENTS. HE SAID SWEEPING PRINCIPLES ARE HEADY WINE AND SHOULD BE APPROACHED CAREFULLY. WHILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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PREPCOM IV HAD NOT PRODUCED AS MUCH AGREEMENT AS US HAD HOPED, HE SAID IN NEXT SESSION STATES SHOULD RESIST TEMPTATION TO PRESS THEIR OWN IDEAS WHICH LACKED GENERAL CONSENSUS AGREEMENT AND TO REALIZE THAT THESE DOCUMENTS DO NOT HAVE TO COVER EACH STATE'S OWN PARTICULAR VIEW ON THE VARIOUS COMPLEX ISSUES RELATING TO DISARMAMENT. IF THIS WERE POSSIBLE, HE SAID, IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO REACH COMPROMISE TEXT ON DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT. HE SAID ALL SHOULD REALIZE THAT IF A PARTICULAR VIEW WAS NOT INCLUDED, AND SO LONG AS OPPOSITE VIEW NOT INCLUDED, IT DID NOT MEAN THAT A STATES VIEW WAS RULED INVALID BUT MERELY THAT THERE WAS AS YET NO GENERAL CONSENSUS ON IT.

5. RE PROGRAM OF ACTION, USREP SAID THIS TASK WAS MORE DIFFICULT PROBLEM. HE STATED: "THE FINAL DRAFTING OF A PROGRAM OF ACTION CANNOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE SPECIAL SESSION ITSELF WHEN WE HAVE RECEIVED THE VIEWS AND IDEAS OF GOVERNMENTS ON HOW TO GIVE A GREATER MOMENTUM TO THE DISARMAMENT EFFORT. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE CANNOT MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AT THE FIFTH SESSION. I BELIEVE WE CAN. TO DO SO WILL REQUIRE AN AWARENESS THAT WE CANNOT IN THAT PREPCOM SESSION NEGOTIATE DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS. AS I NOTED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION, DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF

MEASURES TO BE ACHIEVED INVOLVES, OR, MORE ACCURATELY,
REFLECTS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE NEGOTIATION ITSELF
-- AND IN SOME CASES WE WILL HAVE TO GENERALIZE.
WE HAVE BEFORE US A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF THAT IN THE
BRACKETED VERSION OF THE REFERENCE TO TWO NEGOTIATIONS,
THE CTB AND THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, THAT ARE EVEN NOW
IN THEIR LATTER STAGES.
"AND IF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION IS TO BE A REALISTIC
OUTLINE OF HOW TO INITIATE A GREATER MOMENTUM TO
THE DISARMAMENT EFFORT AND CHART THE FIRST PART OF
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AN INTENSIFIED EFFORT IN THIS REGARD, WE WILL HAVE
TO MAKE CHOICES, IF THE DOCUMENT IS TO HAVE ANY MEAN-
ING. WE CANNOT DO EVERYTHING AT FIRST AT ONCE, AND
WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE
FUNCTION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AS COMPARED TO THE
WORK THAT IS TO TAKE PLACE OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF
TIME ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT."
USREP SAID IT WAS USEFUL TO SSOD PREPARATIONS TO HAVE
RECIEVED VIEWS ON PROGRAM THAT HAD BEEN SUBMITTED,
NOTING THAT WE SHOULD REFLECT ON THEM. HE COMMENTED
THAT DRAFTING ON PROGRAM HAD BEEN ATTEMPTED BEFORE
SERIOUS REVIEWS IN PREPARATION FOR SSOD HAD BEEN COM-
PLETED, NOTING THAT IT WAS OF COURSE EASIER FOR SOME
STATES TO PUT FORTH PROPOSAL NOW THAN FOR OTHERS,
AND THIS WAS A REFLECTION OF THEIR DIFFERENT RESPONSI-
BILITIES.

6. REGARDING MACHINERY, USREP INDICATED US WOULD STUDY
WITH OPEN MIND PROPOSALS CAREFULLY, BUT HE AGAIN INDI-
CATED THAT CHOICES WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE. HE NOTED
PARTICULARLY THAT A PRIMARY INTEREST US WILL HAVE IN
STUDYING THESE SUGGESTIONS WILL BE TO ASSURE THAT THE
PROSPECTS OF EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT EFFORTS ARE EN-
HANCED AND PARTICULARLY THAT THE INTEGRITY OF THE
EXISTING MACHINERY IS MAINTAINED AS A NEGOTIATING
BODY.

7. US STATEMENT WAS FOLLOWED BY SRI LANKAN REP WHO
REITERATED NON-ALIGNED VIEW THAT PROGRAM OF ACTION
SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND THAT, IF FINAL DOCUMENT CON-
TAINS NO SPECIFIC GUIDELINES ("IS SO EMASCULATED")
IN TERMS OF PARTICULAR MEASURES OR NEGOTIATIONS,
THE SSOD WOULD, IN THEIR VIEW, HAVE ACHIEVED NOTHING,
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AND CERTAINLY NOT WHAT HAD BEEN DESIRED BY THE

NON-ALIGNED GROUP WHICH HAD CALLED FOR IT IN THE FIRST PLACE. THEIR DESIRE, HE SAID, WAS FOR A CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL WILL OF THE MAJOR MILITARY POWERS TOWARD A REVERSAL IN THE DANGEROUS AND DESTABILIZING ARMS RACE WHICH COULD LEAD ALL NATIONS TO NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST.

8. INDIAN REP (JAIPAL) SOUGHT TO HIGHLIGHT DIFFERENCES IN FUNDAMENTAL VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY BETWEEN SUPERPOWERS, ON ONE HAND, AND MAJORITY OF OTHER STATES ON THE OTHER. HE SAID NON-ALIGNED HAD STATED THEIR OWN PRIORITIES; HE NOW HOPED NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES AND PARTICULARLY THE SUPERPOWERS COULD WORK OUT ON THEIR OWN AGREED FORMULATIONS OF A PROGRAM OF ACTION. HE SAID AGREEMENTS ON SALT II AND A CTB WOULD NOT GO FAR ENOUGH. HE ARGUED THAT INTERNATIONAL SECURITY COULD NOT RATIONALLY BE BASED ON CONTINUING IRRATIONAL SYSTEM OF NUCLEAR DETERRENCE. ASSUMING, FOR SAKE OF ARGUMENT, STABILITY OF MUTUAL DETERRENCE, IF LEVEL OF DETERRENCE FORCES IN 1960 WAS ADEQUATE FOR DETERRENCE, HE ASKED, WHY HAVE LEVELS OF STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS INCREASED FURIOUSLY SINCE THEN? MOREOVER, WHY CANNOT THE SUPERPOWERS DE-ESCALATE THE ARMS RACE BACK TO 1960 LEVELS. THAT THIS HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE POINTS UP THE FLAW IN THE DETERRENCE ARGUMENTS OF THE SUPERPOWERS. THE FLAW IS THAT THE LEVELS OF STRATEGIC POWER ARE NOT, IN FACT, MEANT ONLY TO DETER, BUT HAVE EFFECT OF PROVIDING RATIONALIZATION FOR AND PROVOKING ARMS RACING TO EVER HIGHER LEVELS.

9. JAIPAL STATED THAT IF STRATEGIC LEVELS ARE MEANT TO DETER, AND ONLY DETER, THEN THERE SHOULD BE NO REASON WHY THE SUPERPOWERS CANNOT MAKE SOLEMN PLEDGES, WHICH COULD BE DONE UNILATERALLY IF NECESSARY AND NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE SAME FORMULATION, THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THEY WILL NOT USE NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST OTHER STATES. THIS HAS NOT BEEN DONE. SUCH PLEDGES COULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY NON-USE OF FORCE GUARANTEES TO PROHIBIT CHANCES FOR ESCALATION TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS USE AND TO INSURE A GREATER SENSE OF SECURITY ON THE PART OF ALL STATES. SUCH SOLEMN GUARANTEES SHOULD THEN BE FOLLOWED BY REDUCTION OF LEVELS OF DETERRENT FORCES AS A FIRST STEP TO AVOID THE RESORT TO NUCLEAR WAR. FINALLY, HE SAID IF SSOD DOES NOT LEAD TO SUCH MEASURES, IT WILL BE A FAILURE. STATES INVOLVED MUST NOW MOVE FROM THE DRAFTING OF DOCUMENTS TO NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS, AND SUPERPOWERS MUST TAKE THE LEAD IN THESE EFFORTS. HE CALLED FOR DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN THE US AND USSR TO THIS END, SO THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO

PROVIDE OTHER STATES WITH APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES,
TAKING THEIR VIEWS AND ASPIRATIONS INTO CONSIDERATION.

10. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) SAID HE WAS NOT DIS-
COURAGED BY LACK OF GREATER PROGRESS AT PREPCOM. HE
INDICATED THAT THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON NUMBER OF FUN-
DAMENTAL POINTS INCLUDING THE NEED FOR HALTING THE
ARMS RACE, ATTAINING PROGRESS IN INCREASING RELATION-
SHIP BETWEEN DIXRMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, NEED FOR
NEW DISARMAMENT STRATEGY, AND AN ENHANCED ROLE FOR
US IN DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS. HE SAID HE STILL BELIEVED
BEST PROSPECT FOR PROGRAM OF ACTION WOULD BE SHORT
TERM PROGRAM OF IMMEDIATE MEASURES.

11. FOLLOWING REPORT BY RAPPORTEUR ON
COMPOSITE TEXT, WHICH WAS HANDED OUT AS CONFERENCE
ROOM PAPER 15 (3 COPIES BEING HAND-CARRIED TO
WASHINGTON; 10 ADDITIONAL COPIES BEING POUCHED WHEN
AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK). CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT
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SSOD WOULD MEET FOR HALF DAY (MORNING) OF MAY 29,
MEMORIAL DAY. HE ALSO OBTAINED PREPCOM AGREEMENT
TO MEET ON APRIL 4 (RATHER THAN APRIL 10) TO BEGIN
FIFTH SESSION, WIT- CONCLUDING DATE STILL APRIL 21.
HE PROPOSED THAT SAME WORKING METHOD BE USED IN FIFTH
AS IN FOURTH PREPCOM (I.E., LIMITED PLENARY MEETINGS,
WORKING GROUP AND DRAFTING GROUPS MEETING MORE FRE-
QUENTLY TO RATIONALIZE TEXTS OF DOCUMENTS). HE APPEALED
PARTICULARLY THAT WORKING GROUPS SHOULD HAVE REPRE-
SENTATIVES "AT NEGOTIATING
LEVEL" TO FACILITATE COMPROMISE AND CONSENSUS. HE
ALSO ENCOURAGED INFORMAL CONTACT GROUPS TO MEET IN
MARCH. IN RESPONSE TO US VIEW THAT WORK ON PROGRAM
OF ACTION AND MACHINERY SHOULD BE DONE IN SMALLER
CONTACT GROUPS AT BEGINNING OF FIFTH PREPCOM
(AS OPPOSED TO SENDING CURRENT HEAVILY BRACKETED TEXTS
DIRECTLY BACK TO DRAFTING GROUP AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED),
CHAIRMAN SAID THIS WAS NOT ONLY CONSISTENT WITH HIS
VIEW BUT ALSO ENVISIONED BY HIM. IN PROPOSING SAME
WORKING METHOD FOR FIFTH PREPCOM HE SIMPLY WANTED
TO STRESS THAT TIME SHOULD NOT BE SPENT IN LENGTHY
GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS.

12. REGARDING NGO PARTICIPATION, CHAIRMAN SAID DECISION
SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE AT FIFTH PREPCOM. HE
SAID THAT FOR REASONS OF PRECEDENT IT WAS ENVISIONED
THAT NGO'S WOULD PROBABLY BE INVITED TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE
OF THE WHOLE RATHER THAN GA PLENARY, AND THAT TENTATIVE
PLANS WERE BEING LAID TO SET ASIDE A DAY FOR THIS
PURPOSE. SECRETARIAT WAS ALREADY WORKING ON ASSIGNING

NGO'S SPACES IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL.

13. REGARDING GENERAL COMMITTEE COMPOSITION, CHAIRMAN
RECOMMENDED THAT STATES THINK OVER SIZE OF GENERAL
COMMITTEE FOR SSOD, AND HE OFFERED TWO ALTERNATIVES:

(1) ONE CHAIRMAN, THREE VICE CHAIRMEN, AND ONE RAPPOR-
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TEUR; AND (2) ONE CHAIRMAN, EIGHT VICE CHAIRMEN, AND
ONE RAPPORTEUR. BOTH ALTERNATIVES, HE SAID, WOULD EN-
SURE EQUITABLE REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION.

13. PREPCOM IV WAS ADJOURNED 6:15 P.M. (WRAP-UP MESSAGE
WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL.) YOUNG UNQUOTE VANCE

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